

A MESSAGE

From

Both Houses of PARLIAMENT.

Sent to the

King and Queenes
MAJESTIES.

Touching certaine Letters lately intercepted, and as it may be coniectured, sent from the Lord Digby, to the Queenes MAJESTIE.

Whereunto is added the Answer of *Don Alonso de Cardenas*, the Spanish Ambassador, Resident here in England, to the late Message sent to Him from both the said Houses, touching the Information given them of the Ships at *Dunkirk*, for the aid of the Rebels in Ireland.

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MESSAGE

from

John F. Kennedy

President

to the Congress

on the State of the Union

January 11, 1961

Mr. Speaker, Mr. President, Mr. Vice President, Mr. Chief Justice, Mr. Justices of the Supreme Court, Mr. Members of the Congress, Mr. Members of the Executive Branch, Mr. Members of the Judiciary, Mr. Members of the Armed Forces, Mr. Members of the Civilian Population, Mr. Members of the World Community, Mr. Members of the Human Race.



Most gracious Sovereign.

Your Majesties most Loyall and faithfull Subjects, the Lords and Commons in Parliament, have received Your Message of the 16. of this instant *February*, sent at the instance of the Queens Majesty.

And upon consideration thereof, to our great joy and content, find therein cleer expressions of Grace and Favour, from both Your Majesties, for which we return our most humble thanks, and hath here withall sent the Transcripts of that Letter required by Your Majesty, as likewise of two other Letters directed to M. Secretary *Nicholas*, and Sir *Lewis Dives*, all which was brought to us under owne cover indorced to M. Secretary with (information, that they were written by the Lord *Digby*; who being a person fled from the Justice of Parliament, and one who had given many evidences of the disaffection to the publike good; we conceived it necessary to open the two former, and finding sundry expressions in them full of Asperitie and Malignity to the Parliament,

ment. We thought it very probable, That the like may be contained in that to Her Majesty; and that it would be dishonourable to Her Majesty, and dangerous for the Kingdome if it should not be opened, wherein we were no whit deceived, as Your Majesty may well perceive by the Contents thereof.

And although we cannot but be very sensible of the great dishonour therein done to Your Majesties, and the malicious endeavours of fomenting and encreasing the jealousie betwixt Your Majesty and Your people: Yet we are farre from reflecting any thing upon the Queen, or expecting any satisfaction from Her Majesty; But impute all to the bold and envenomed spirit of the man; Only we most earnestly beseech Your Majesty to perswade the Queen, that she will not vouchsafe any countenance to, or correspondence with the Lord Digby, or any other of the fugitive or Traitors, whose offences now depend under the examination and judgment of Parliament, which we assure our selves will be very effectually to further the removall of all Jealousies and discontents betwixt Your Majesty and Your people, and the settling the great Affairs of Your Majesty and the Kingdome in an assured State and condition of Honour, safety, and prosperity.

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The Spanish Ambassadors answer
to the Message from a Committee of
both Houses of Parliament.

THe Lord Ambassador of *Spaine*, *Don Alonso de Cardenas* having understood what the Lord *Fielding*, of the Lords House, and Sir *Thomas Barrington* Baronet, and Sir *John Holland* Baronet of the House of Commons, All three Commissaries from the Parliament, have said in the behalfe of both Houses, concerning the advertisement given them, that in the Haven of *Dunkerk*, there were certaine ships laded with Ammunition, ready to take saile, intended for the relief of the Rebels of *Ireland*, which they hold contrary to the Articles of Peace betweene the two Crownes. And that they required he should send to *Dunkerk*, and all other His Majesties Dominions, And that he should write unto the King His Master to make stay of those and all such ships, as may carry supply of powder, victuals, money, or any other ayde to his Majesties subjects, that at this present are in rebellion in *Ireland*; because other-

wise it would be understood to be a breach of the Treaties betweene the two Crownes, and so resented by the Parliament. The said Ambassador of *Spaine* answered, That besides the understanding, which hee hath of the King His Masters minde and intention to conserve the friendship which he professeth with His Majesty of great *Britaine*, he hath expresse and most particular notice, that the Ships which are now in *Dunkerke* Haven, laden with Souldiers and Ammunition and ready to saile, neither are for *Ireland*, nor were they provided for any such purpose, And that this notice was given him by *Don Francisco de Melo* Earle of *Assumar*, Governour and Captaine Generall of the States of *Flaunders*, whom the resident of his Majesty of great *Britaine*, that assists in *Brussels*, assured that hee is fully satisfied of their not going to *Ireland*, as is also His King, who signified so much unto him in a Letter, in which hee likewise commanded him to thanke the said *Don Francisco de Melo*, for denying leave, which certaine Irish serving in those States, had asked to returne to their Countrey, which hee denied; to avoyd all suspition, Notwithstanding their end for asking it, was unknowne. The same assurance did the same Ambassadour give unto the Commissaries aforesaid.

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said of the Parliament, concerning the mentioned Ships in *Dunkerke* laden with Ammunition, and Souldiers, that they are not for *Ireland*; And he profered to Write to *Dunkerke*, and all other Parts of *Flanders* and Dominions of the King His Master; and particularly to his Catholike Majesty, to the end, That the observance of the Articles of peace, which hitherto have beene so religiously observed of the King His Masters part, and His Subjects, may be continued; and that new and strait Orders be given, That no Subject of his Catholike Majesty, shall dare violate them, sending any kind of aydes to foster the insurrection in *Ireland*, under paine of the punishment imposed upon the transgressours. And the said Ambassadour to manifest the sincerity of his heart, profered to sollicite it with the readiest and most forcible meanes that lay in his power, hoping (as in reason he should) that his Majesty of great *Britany*, and the Parliament, will for their part punctually observe the same in the aforesaid conformity towards the Rebels of the King his Master, not permitting any kinds of succour or assistance in whatsoever quality to be afforded them, from these Kingdomes. Renewing for this effect all requisite Orders unto the Officers and Ports of the said Kingdomes chastising

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